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TO: Corporation Test Coordinators

FROM: Michele Walker, Indiana Department of Education

SUBJECT: Invitation to Participate in the ADP Algebra II End-of-Course Exam –  
Spring 2009 Administration

Indiana is a member of the American Diploma Project (ADP) Algebra consortium, along with Achieve, Pearson and 14 other states. Last year, many school corporations in Indiana administered the ADP Algebra II exam, and the test results enabled corporations and schools to compare performance in Algebra II on the individual, school, corporation, and state level. You may read about additional goals of and uses for the ADP Algebra II exam at the Achieve web site: [www.achieve.org/ADPAssessmentConsortium](http://www.achieve.org/ADPAssessmentConsortium).

**We are pleased to announce the next administration of the ADP Algebra II End-of-Course Exam in Indiana**, which will take place in May and June of 2009. To indicate your participation in the spring 2009 exam, simply provide Pearson with a count of the number of students you expect to participate (participation counts). Attached to this memorandum, you will find additional information and instructions from Pearson about this process. Your participation counts must be entered into the PEMSolutions website at [www.PearsonAccess.com](http://www.PearsonAccess.com) between **February 2 and February 26, 2009**.

Additional administrative details about the Spring 2009 administration of the ADP Algebra II Exam are as follows:

- The Indiana Department of Education will cover the entire cost of the administration, scoring, and reporting for school corporations. Please use your Algebra II classroom rosters to determine the number of test books to order.
- Eligible students are those who will complete an Algebra II course, or its equivalent, during the spring of 2009.
- School corporations are expected to administer the assessment under secure conditions, as they would the regular statewide assessments.
- The test window in Indiana is **May 1 through June 12, 2009**.
- The exam is designed to take approximately 180 minutes and is comprised of two 90-minute sessions. Some students may require—and should be allowed—additional time to complete the test.
- One test session allows the use of a calculator.
- The exam includes 55 questions—46 multiple-choice and 9 constructed-response. About one-third of students' scores will be based on the constructed-response questions, which consist of short-answer and extended-response items.
- The results of the May 2009 operational exam will include individual student score information and related summary reports, which will be available on the PEMSolutions website on **August 24, 2009**. Paper copies of the student/guardian reports will be delivered to school corporations on **August 28, 2009**.

Below is a list of key milestones regarding the spring administration.

| Task/Milestone   | Date(s)                            |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Corporation Test Coordinators enter participation counts into the PEMSolutions website   | February 2-26, 2008                |
| Student barcode label data sent to STN Application Center                                | February 16 -<br>February 27, 2008 |
| Test materials received by corporations (one week before the test administration begins) | April 24 -<br>June 5, 2009         |
| Test Sessions can be created (online testing only)                                       | April 24 -<br>June 12, 2009        |
| Test administration window   | May 1 – June 12, 2009              |
| Electronic summary reports available on PEMSolutions website                             | August 24, 2009                    |
| Paper copies of student/guardian reports delivered to corporations                       | August 28, 2009                    |

Additional information regarding ADP and the Algebra II consortium can be found on the Achieve website at [www.achieve.org/ADPAssessmentConsortium](http://www.achieve.org/ADPAssessmentConsortium).

If you have questions about the ADP Algebra II End-of-Course Exam, please contact Pearson:

**Telephone:** 866-688-9555, Hours 6:00 AM to 7:30 PM (Central Time), Monday-Friday (except holidays)

**Fax:** 877-627-6277

**Email:** [ADP@support.pearson.com](mailto:ADP@support.pearson.com)

If you have State-specific questions about the Algebra II End-of-Course Exam program, please contact Cheryl Hustedt by calling 317-232-9050 or via e-mail at <[chustedt@doe.in.gov](mailto:chustedt@doe.in.gov)>.